

## Confesses He Killed Cousin

Ed. Stephens, Former Well Known  
Minco Farmer, is in County Jail  
While Search Goes on  
for Victim's Body

### MAN DISAPPEARED FOUR YEARS AGO

Suspicion of Neighbors and Brood-  
ing Over Crime Drives His Slay-  
er First to Insanity Then to  
Admission of Deed

Killed by an irate father whose child it is declared he attempted to ravish, buried in the corner of a corn field, the soil covering his mortal remains being cultivated year after year by the man who took his life, forgotten by his friends and associates. Such is probably the sordid closing chapter of the story of the disappearance of Oscar Stephens, who disappeared from his usual haunts near Minco four years ago.

Ed Stephens, cousin of the dead man, for years a well known farmer of Minco, confessed to Grady county officers yesterday of having done the deed. He now lies in the Grady county jail awaiting the finding of the skeleton of his victim. He himself took a spade yesterday and aided in the search for the man's bones.

Briefly stated, the facts in the case are as follows:

About four years ago Oscar Stephens, a young man of nineteen years, disappeared from the home of his cousin, Ed Stephens, eleven miles west of Minco.

Nothing was thought of the disappearance at the time. Those who gave the matter even a passing notice commented that Oscar had probably enlisted in the regular army, as he had been talking of doing this for a number of months.

Later neighbors whispered that there might have been something strange about this disappearance. The fact that none of his former associates ever heard from him took color from the theory that Oscar had become a soldier of the United States, while strange remarks made by Ed lent color to the idea, which was fast becoming a well-settled suspicion, that Ed might know some gruesome story of his cousin's disappearance.

These suspicions became well-founded when Ed went suddenly and violently insane about three months ago. It was then that he dropped remarks about the disappearance of Oscar which finally led up to the investigation which resulted in his arrest upon suspicion of murder after his discharge from the state hospital for the insane.

While in the county jail, before his removal to the asylum, Ed told one of the prisoners that he was "here for killing his cousin." After Stephens had been removed to Norman, the prisoner related the details of the conversation he had had with him. He stated that he feared to say anything about it while Ed was in jail, fearing bodily harm from the demented man.

While in the asylum Stephens' family moved from the farm near Minco to Union City, across the line in Canadian county. When Stephens was discharged from the asylum at Norman he joined his family and was with them day before yesterday when arrested. He confessed immediately to the crime and Deputy Castleman was sent after the prisoner.

When turned over to Sheriff Bailey Stephens said he knew what he was wanted for, that he had killed his cousin, Oscar, that he killed him because he (Oscar) had attempted to ravish Ed's six year old daughter. He declared he was sorry he had committed the deed because the face of the dead man, wreathed in the horrible grin of death, as he had last seen it when he buried him in the shallow grave in the lonely bottom field and stamped the earth down upon the body, haunted him by day and leered at him from the dusky corners in the darkening shadows of the night.

Asked to accompany the officers to the scene of the killing, Stephens gladly consented. Wednesday afternoon in an auto Sheriff Bailey and County Attorney Venable, together with Jo Witte, a brother-in-law of

Stephens, accompanied the confessed homicide to the lonely spot in the corner of the corn field where, for four years his victim is supposed to have lain. Pointing out the spot near the fence corner, Stephens himself seized a spade and aided the officers in their search for the body.

However, as the ground supposed to cover the remains had been cultivated over for four years, and as the supposed grave lies at the lower end of a long slope where dirt from the hill-side has washed over it adding to its depth, no signs of the skeleton were found. Stephens still insists that the spot shown is the right one. He even went so far as to show the officers how, after he had enticed his victim to this lone place at midnight, asking him to help change the cultivator shovels, he had seized him and killed him with a paper knife, stabbing him repeatedly and watching him until he ceased to struggle.

Sheriff's officers will return to the supposed grave Monday and renew the search, digging deeper than was done yesterday.

In the meantime, palpably insane, Stephens occupies a cell in the Grady county jail asking for nothing save that he be permitted to return to his family at Union City.

In one of his attacks of mania, while returning from the scene of the search for the grave Wednesday evening, Stephens broke away from the officers and climbed a wind mill tower to a height of fifty or sixty feet, threatening to leap from there to the ground and thus "end it all."

Only persuasions and a good and telling argument from Sheriff Bailey prevented his doing it. Finally, upon the promise that he would be permitted to return to his home today, Stephens came down from his perch on the wind mill tower and was returned to his cell in the county jail.

Officers declare it is possible that the man may never recover his sound mind on account of brooding for months and months over his deed. They have not the slightest doubt that, though at times insane, the man is telling them the truth about the entire affair. No steps have been taken to file charges against him and possibly none will be taken until the remains of the dead man are recovered, it is said.

## SHEPARD VISITING SCHOOLS

County Supt. M. H. Shepard is leaving this afternoon on his first visiting tour of Grady county schools. He expects to visit the schools at Pocasset and Tuttle, calling on a number of rural school enroute.

In addition to taking up with the boards of directors matters of general educational importance, Mr. Shepard will make an earnest endeavor to interest all school officers and teachers in the matter of "moonlight schools."

In speaking of moonlight schools and the possible good to be derived from them, Mr. Shepard stated this morning that more than one hundred Grady county teachers have already expressed not only a willingness, but an earnest desire to co-operate most heartily in this work.

### Funeral Wednesday for Miss Whitehead

Miss Nannie Josephine Whitehead who had been ill for the past two months, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. James H. Brock, 1102 South Third street, at a late hour Tuesday night, September 6.

The remains were laid to rest Wednesday at 5 o'clock in the L. O. O. F. cemetery, Rev. Old of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, officiating at the grave.

HOLDING COURT AT ANADARKO. Judge Will Linn is holding a term of the district court at Anadarko. The term will probably be a short one and will recess in time for the judge to return to Chickasha Saturday.

## SAYS COTTON CONTRABAND

By United Press.  
Washington, Sept. 9.—The state department has been advised by both the British and Italian embassies that Italy has declared cotton contraband.

This action upon the part of the Italian government, following in the footsteps of England in placing cotton on the contraband list, will not, it is thought immediately nor materially affect the market prices of this year's crop.

### WEATHER ELSEWHERE.

Western Union reports received at 8 a. m.:

Texas.

Generally partly cloudy. Average temperature, 76.

Oklahoma.

Generally cloudy. warm.

## GENERAL IS BEHIND BIG RAIDS

Captured Bandit Confesses He Helped Murder Smith and Donaldson; Says Nafarrate Inciting Bandits

By United Press.

Brownsville, Sept. 9.—A Mexican captured here confesses that he was a member of the band that murdered J. T. Smith and R. E. Donaldson, it is alleged by officers. He declared that arms and ammunition for the raiders was being furnished by Gen. Nafarrate, who promised the bandits a safe return into the interior after the raid. Officers declare that a search of the house near Fresno revealed the names of all persons connected with the murder. They say they are closing in on the persons on this side of the river who were implicated in the crime.

Waylay Another American.

Reports received early today stated that bandits had waylaid Sam Robertson of San Benito. They fired twenty shots at his automobile. When the engine went dead, Robertson escaped into the brush.

By United Press.

Laredo, Tex., Sept. 9.—The body of Col. Francisco Naranjo, one of the most prominent men of Mexico, who died in Galveston, arrived here this morning enroute to his late home of the deceased, Lampazos, Mexico, for burial.

Col. Naranjo, while governor of Morelos, under Madero, drove out Zapatistas. He was educated in the United States and was a warm friend of all Americans.

By United Press.

Washington, Sept. 9.—A wire received from Consul Silliman states that Carranza has completed his reply to the "Peace Appeal" note sent out from Washington. The note will probably arrive here before the end of the week.

## CLEAN 'EM SAYS MAYOR

Mayor Coffman has issued a statement to the effect that all sidewalks must be cleaned of grass, weeds, etc., and that at once. Attention of the property owners along Choctaw, Chickasha, Kansas and Colorado avenues is particularly called to the fact that they have permitted the grass and weeds to grow up to and lap over the sidewalks until pedestrians have only a small roadway along which to walk.

The mayor states that he wishes the owners of property along the thoroughfares named to take notice for the weed and grass cutting ordinances will be enforced following the notice.

### CALL FOR DIPLOMAS.

M. H. Shepard, county superintendent, requests all eighth grade graduates to call at his office at their earliest convenience and receive their diplomas.

## 30 OUT FOR FOOTBALL PRACTICE

Big Squad Reports on High School Gridiron Where Coach Reeds is Beginning Work on "Winning Machine"

### LOTS OF WEIGHT AMONG ASPIRANTS

Team Should Be Five Pounds Heavier than that of Last Year; Managers Now Making Season Schedule

Work has already begun on the building up of that high school football machine that is to place Chickasha back on the football map of Oklahoma. Thirty men have reported for practice so far, and there are at least a dozen more, some of them "hokies," who will be out just as soon as a supply of suits and shoes can be furnished for them.

Coach Reeds had his men out for the second big practice last night, running signals and throwing the ball. No man was given a place, the new coach is just trying them out one place and another, trying to find out where each can play best.

From present prospects it looks as if there would be plenty of weight on the team this year, and Coach Reeds, who played in fast company when he was a fullback on the Oklahoma university team, says there is plenty of speed. What it takes is the working of the eleven men down to the point where they move as one man. That's the task that will begin just as soon as the coach begins to hand out practice berths to the men.

One thing that is already certain this year is that Chickasha will follow the open play. Reeds played several years under Bennie Owen, the sensation among open-play mentors. The new Chickasha man believes in it. Open play and speed, that will win against any team, he says, if you've got enough of it. What it takes is a swift plunging back field with a line that holds like a wall.

No games have yet been scheduled, but about the same list that Chickasha has been meeting for years is to be played, the managers of the team declare. Shawnee has asked for the Thanksgiving date, the game to be played in Shawnee. They want to make it a permanent arrangement, a Turkey day game between Shawnee and Chickasha, alternating "on grid-irons. The locals probably will not accept the proposition, it is stated. They want to play the big game at home.

Among other teams that will be played by the locals are Oklahoma City, Mangum, Cordell, Enid, Lawton and Norman. The latter team has but one open date, October 22. The game will be played at Norman. Cordell is willing to give Chickasha any date and play the game either there or here. Mangum also wants anything included in October 1 or 2, November 10 or 20, or Thanksgiving day.

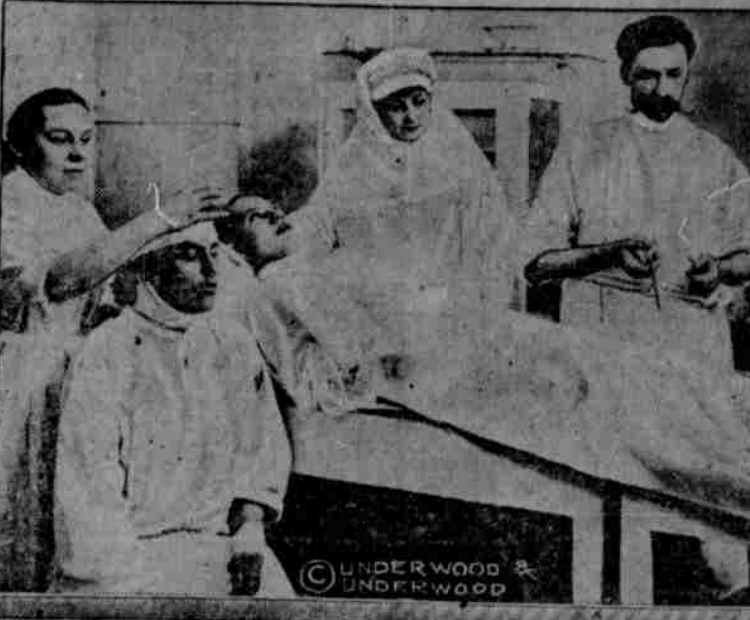
Oklahoma City will have a date, the game to be played there. Enid will contest on the local gridiron, as will Lawton and Anadarko.

The greatest need right now, the lads declare, is more suits. A lot of huskies have reported at the high school from other towns, some of them with football experience, but many of them with none. They have the weight, and they will make valuable additions to the squad if suits can be secured for them at once, the lads declare.

The men given below have reported so far. From the weights given indications are that the team will be some five pounds heavier than that of last year. Though there are few old men back, others who are taking their places have had several years' experience, and are declared to be already really seasoned players. The list so far reporting with their weights at the beginning of the season follows:

E. Raspberry 140, P. Joice 147, D. Luster 129, E. Sanford 135, B. Owens 120, N. Duncan 123, Williams 155, H. Hulen 140, L. Gardner 145, W. Griffin 152, A. Griffin 145, C. Wilson 141, E. Waller 151, G. Shook 152, H. Hill 140, J. B. Hill 158, M. Jones 120, H. Stinson 145, H. Norton 133, N. Dike-man 137, Harrison 135, H. Hansen 145.

## MRS. MARYE WORKS IN WAR HOSPITAL



Scene in the operating room of the American lazaret in Petrograd where Mrs. George T. Marye, wife of the American ambassador to Russia, is serving as a nurse. She is standing at the physician's right hand.

## WEALTHY WIDOW IS MURDERED

Is Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, Worth Millions; Servant Confesses to Deed; Robbery Declared Motive

By United Press.

New York, Sept. 9.—After one hour's modern police grilling, Onney Talls, the young servant in the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols, confessed that he and three other young men plotted the robbery of the wealthy widow last night.

Talls has given the police the names of his confederates, for whom detectives are now searching.

The prisoner alleges that they failed to secure the half million in jewels believed to have been in the strong box, but fled after having torn rings and earrings valued at ten thousand dollars from the body.

Jewels Are Missing.

The body was found in an upstairs room with a sheet knotted about the neck. One thousand dollars worth of diamonds and a strong box containing valuable jewels are missing.

Onney Talls, when first arrested, said he and a maid were alone last night in the house with their mistress when three masked men seized and bound him and the maid and rushed upstairs. Shrieks from his mistress followed.

Later, Talls says, he succeeded in loosening the bonds which held him and, going upstairs, found the body. Mrs. Nichols was reputed to be worth three million dollars.

## LADIES TO PLAY GOLF

Not only will Mrs. Golfplayer arrive on the scene officially within ten days, but she will also enter a regular tournament at that time, contesting for a loving cup under rules similar to those governing the ones Mr. Golfplayer contests under.

The prize is being donated by the Owl drug store. It will remain in the possession of the Chickasha Country club until one individual has won three championships, each championship to be played three holes, medal score.

The lowest score in the tournament entitles the lady holding such score to have her name engraved upon the cup. The tournaments for this cup are to be held twice each year, on dates to be designated by the golf committee.

The committee announces the opening tournament for Saturday, September 18. All ladies desiring to enter the lists are requested to hand in their names to the committee on or before Wednesday evening, September 15, in order to become eligible.

Chestnut 138, S. Snedeker 147, B. Riddle 143, R. Witt 153, Baxter 192, C. McClelland 157, C. Goetting 155, E. Pool 154.

## CZAR TAKES OFFENSIVE IN GALICIA

Petrograd Claims Signal Victory for Slav Forces as New Commander Takes Charge of Russian Armies

### AIR CRAFT AGAIN RAID CAPITALS

Simultaneous Attacks from Germans Reach Paris and Very Heart of London; Kill Nineteen Civilians

By United Press.

Petrograd, Sept. 9.—The war office announces a decisive victory of the Russian arms before Tarnopol following the czar's taking command. The Austro-Germans were thrown back in an attempt to drive the Slavs from Galicia, the Russians driving the enemy westward.

Crowds are cheering this news of the most important Russian victory in the southeast since the beginning of the Austro-German drive. The czar's success is regarded as a good omen.

By United Press.

London, Sept. 9.—Twenty persons were killed, all but one civilians, and 88 wounded in London last night when a Zeppelin raid reached the very heart of the city. Among the dead are twelve men, two women and six children. Three of the wounded are soldiers.

Dispatches from Paris state that similar raids were made on the old French capital city a few hours after the attack was made on London.

Reach Heart of City.

By United Press.

New York, Sept. 9.—Cablegrams received here indicate that Zeppelins reached the very heart of London last night.

In an interview with Shepherd, United Press correspondent in London, Marconi, the well known Italian inventor, stated he "saw Zeppelins used last night." It is well known that Marconi stops at a hotel near Trafalgar Square. This district contains hotels which house a large portion of London's American colony.

Stay at Own Risk.

By United Press.

London, Sept. 9.—The unofficial view being given at the state house is that Americans stay in London at their own risk from Zeppelin raids.

## ARABIC CASE BLOWS OVER

By United Press.

Washington, Sept. 9.—That Germany's plea of "military necessity" will probably be accepted by the United States government in the matter of the destruction of the Arabic, is the forecast of high officials. The note is expected today. The British seek the idea of rights of the submarine to destroy the liner under the circumstances.

### Celebrating Jewish New Year this Week

Beginning at midnight last night, the feast of Rosh Hashona, or new year, is being celebrated by the Jewish people throughout the world.

Special services commemorating the Jewish new year are being held at the Masonic Temple in this city. Orthodox Jews are observing this feast, which will continue throughout today and Friday.

BIG GASSER BROUGHT IN.

By United Press.

Blackwell, Okla., Sept. 9.—The biggest gas well in northern Oklahoma was brought in on the north Beaver eighty last night. The well shows a total depth of 1430 feet and the daily flow of gas is estimated to be thirty million cubic feet.